

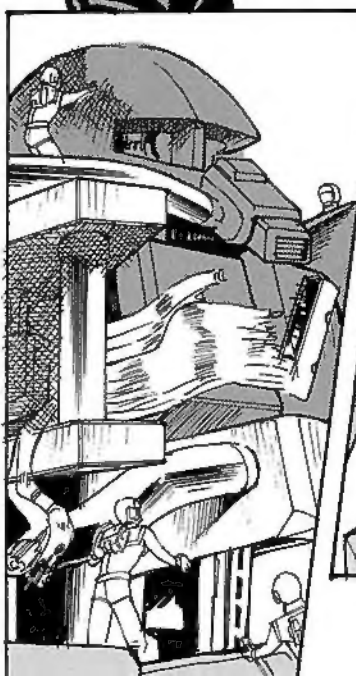
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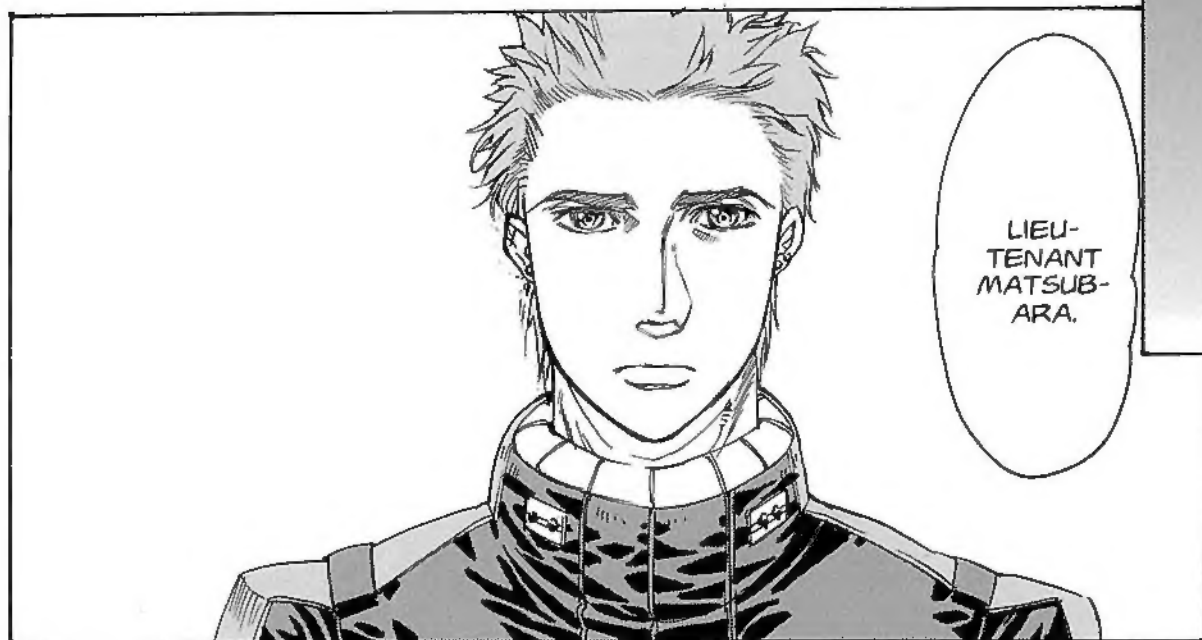




HERE THEY
COME!

CARL!





LIEU-
TENANT
MATSUB-
ARA.



WOULD YOU
CARE TO
OFFER ANY
EXPLANATION
FOR YOUR
ACTIONS
DURING THIS
INCIDENT?



I ASSESSED
THE RISK OF
CASCADING
DETONATION AS
UNACCEPTABLE
AND EJECTED
THE BL-BSXL
UNIT
ACCORDINGLY.

MY
JUDGMENT
WAS SOUND.





MIGHT WE
NOT HAVE
PRESERVED
SUCH
INVALUABLE
HARDWARE?



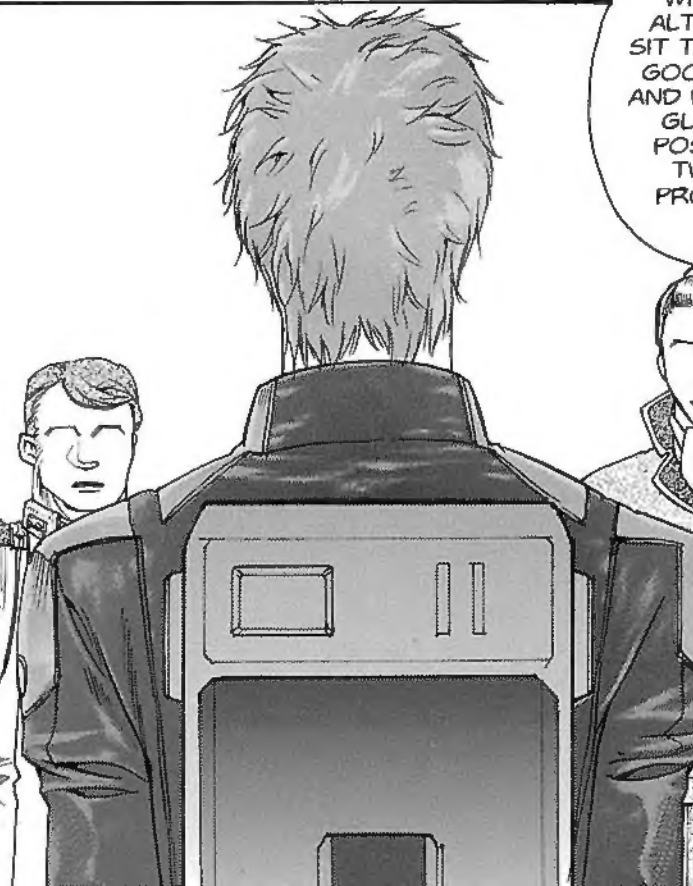
HOWEVER, THE
MALFUNCTION
WAS
RECTIFIED
MOMENTS
AFTER YOUR
WITHDRAWAL.

IN ALL
LIKELIHOOD,
THE CRISIS
COULD HAVE
BEEN
RESOLVED
WITHOUT
VIOLENTLY
SEVERING THE
EQUIPMENT.



SO...

LIKELI-
HOOD,
IS IT...



WHAT'S THE
ALTERNATIVE?
SIT THERE LIKE A
GOOD SOLDIER
AND DIE FOR THE
GLORY OF A
POSTHUMOUS
TWO-RANK
PROMOTION?



DON'T
INSULT MY
INTELLIGENCE.



I ACTED TO
PRESERVE MY
OWN LIFE.
WHERE'S THE
CRIME IN
THAT?

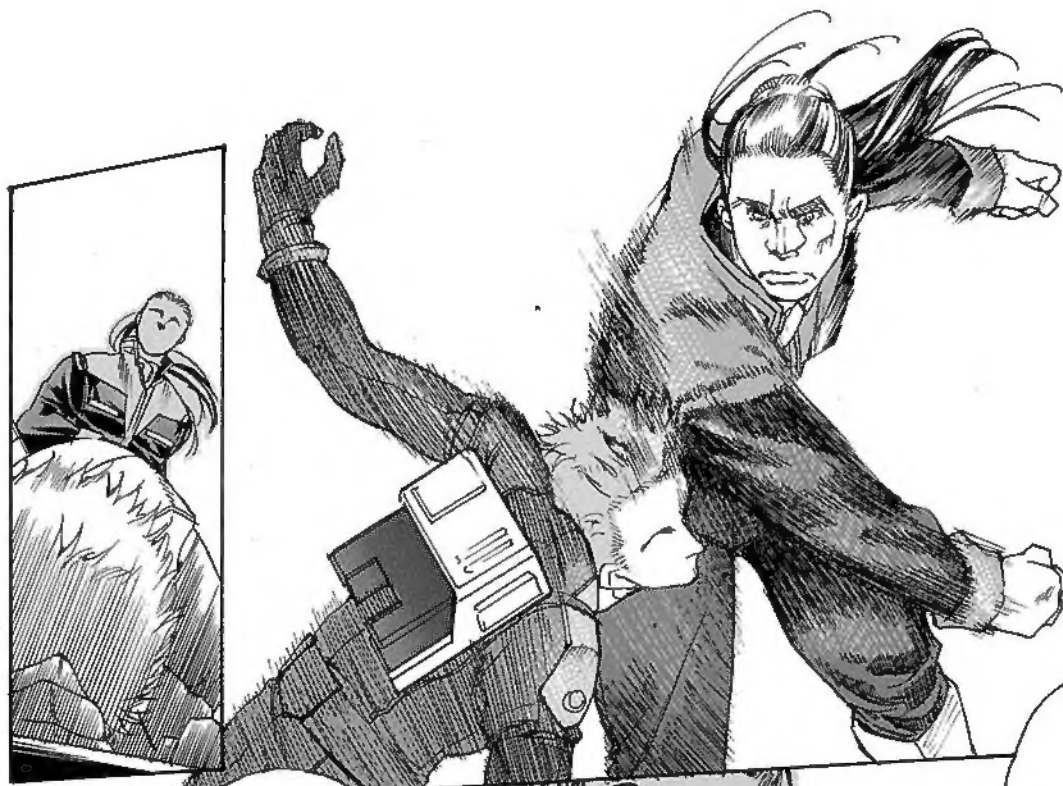
I DON'T
CLIMB INTO
THESE
MACHINES
TO SERVE
YOUR
AGENDA.



I REFUSE
TO THROW
MY LIFE
AWAY IN
SOME GOD-
FORSAKEN
TEST ZONE!

I'VE GOT
COMRADES
HERE WHO'D
LAY DOWN
THEIR LIVES
FOR ME!

AND
THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHY I CAN
PUT MINE
ON THE
LINE FOR
THEM.



OR ARE YOU
TRYING
TO GET
YOURSELF
REASSIGNED
BACK TO
YOUR
ORIGINAL
UNIT?

REIN IN
THAT
TEMPER.

LIEU-
TENANT
MATSUB-
ARA.

I BELIEVE
WE'VE HEARD
SUFFICIENT
COMMENTARY
FOR NOW.

A COMPRE-
HENSIVE IN-
CIDENT
REPORT
WILL BE
FILED IN DUE
COURSE.





?

?

?

UH...
HI?

WELL
HELLO
THERE!

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WELL...

AT
LEAST
HE
LOOKS
LIKE
HE'S
IN ONE
PIECE.

PFEH!

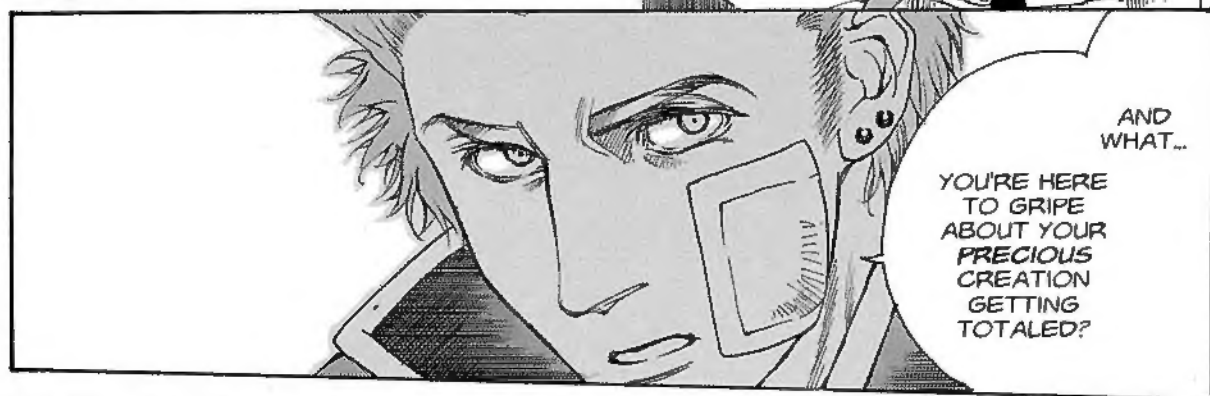
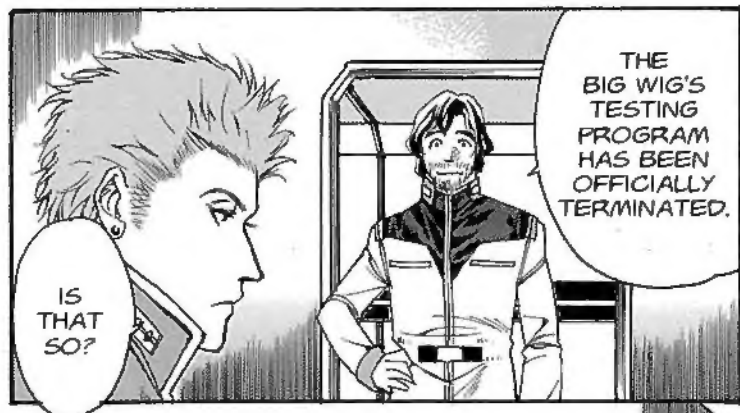
...WHY BE SO
DAMN
STUBBORN
ABOUT
EVERYTHING?

SINCE I'M
GETTING
LOCKED UP
REGARDLESS...

GUESS I'D
BETTER
GET
STARTED
ON THAT
INCIDENT
REPORT.

THEN BUILD
SOMETHING
THAT
ACTUALLY
WORKS!
BUNCH OF
MORONS!

YOU WANT
YOUR TOYS TO
STAY IN ONE
PIECE?





SO WHAT
HAPPENED WITH
THE BIGWIG
WAS ACTUALLY
FOR THE BEST.



I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
YOUR
PRIDE
AND
JOY?



TAKING YOU
DOWN ALONG
WITH IT
WOULDN'T YIELD
ANY POSITIVE
OUTCOMES
ANYWAY.



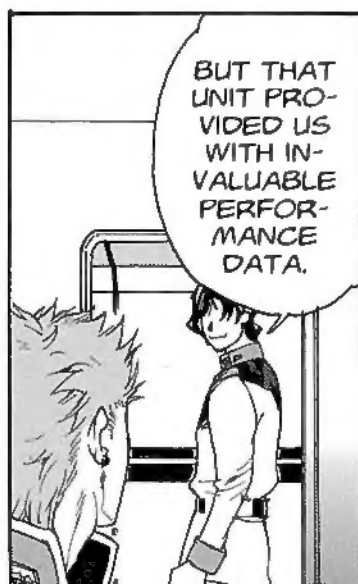
CAN'T
STAND IT.



OH, YOU'RE
NOT FOND
OF THAT
KIND OF
PHILO-
SOPHICAL
TALK, ARE
YOU?

IT WAS, BUT
JUST AS
WE'RE
BOUND BY
OUR OWN
DESTINIES...

...THAT WAS
THE BIG WIG'S
PREDETER-
MINED FATE.



BUT THAT
UNIT PRO-
VIDED US
WITH IN-
VALUABLE
PERFOR-
MANCE
DATA.



I HAD A
FEELING.



WE'LL
SEE
ABOUT
THAT.



I'M ABSO-
LUTELY
CON-
VINCED.

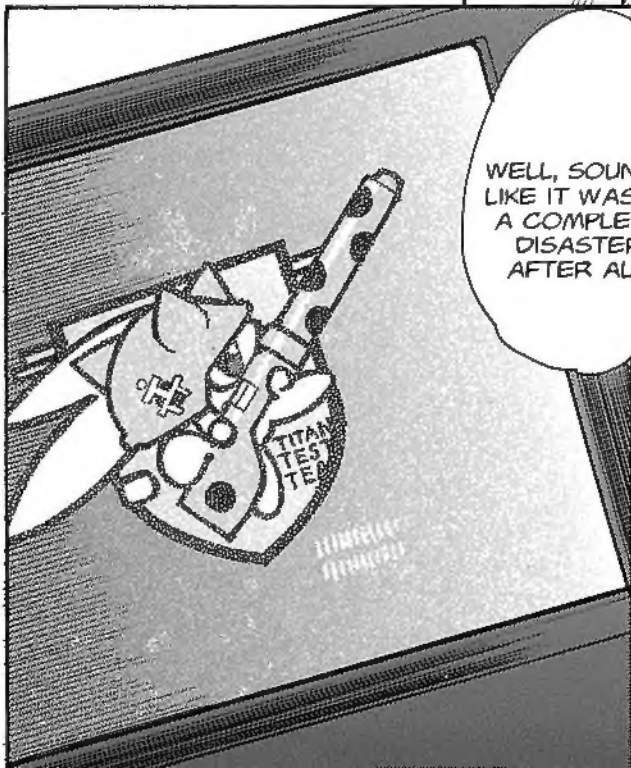


SOMETHING
THAT'LL
HAVE YOU
VOLUNTEERING
TO BE ITS
TEST PILOT...
MARK MY
WORDS.

MY NEXT
CREATION
WILL
RETURN AS
SOMETHING
FAR MORE
IMPRESSIVE.



THOUGH
I'M NOT
EXACTLY
HOLDING MY
BREATH
HERE.



WELL, SOUNDS
LIKE IT WASN'T
A COMPLETE
DISASTER
AFTER ALL.



WE
MANAGED TO
SALVAGE THE
THRUSTER
ASSEMBLIES
AND BEAM
CANNON...

THANK
GOD HE
MADE IT
OUT IN
ONE PIECE
THOUGH.

THAT GUY'S
LUCK IS
ABSOLUTELY
RIDICULOUS.

RIGHT ABOUT
NOW HE'S
PROBABLY
DROWNING IN
A MOUNTAIN
OF INCIDENT
REPORTS AND
PAPERWORK.

DURING
OUR
RETURN
PATROL
SWEEP.

SO WHAT'S
THE WORD
ON CARL?



RUNNING THE
CAMERA DATA
THROUGH
ANALYSIS
SHOULD GIVE
US SOME
ANSWERS.

A NEW ZEON
DESIGN...
THOUGH THAT
SEEMS HIGHLY
UNLIKELY.



THAT
REMINDS ME,
I ENCOUNTERED
SOME BIZARRE
MOBILE SUIT
DURING TODAY'S
PATROL RUN.

VANISHED
THE MOMENT
IT SPOTTED
US.



NEW
PROTOTYPE
OR NOT, IF
THEY'RE
LOOKING FOR
A FIGHT, THEY
CAN BRING
IT ON!



INITIALLY
THOUGHT IT
MIGHT BE A DOM
VARIANT, BUT...

...THE PROFILE
WAS
COMPLETELY
WRONG.
SOMETHING
REALLY HEAVILY
BUILT.

